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Brain Teasers

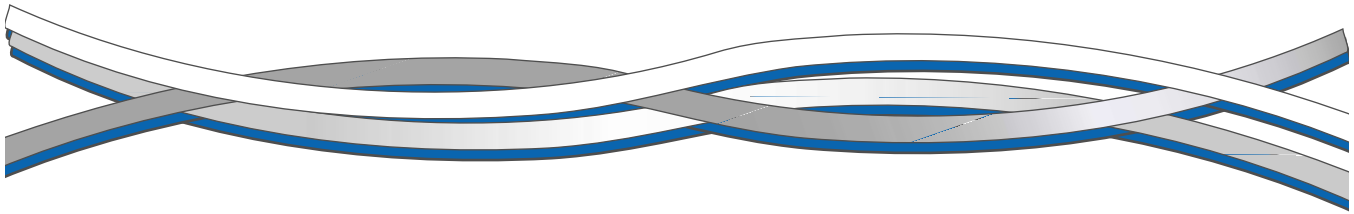
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Introduction

This book is filled with a variety of puzzles and brain teasers related to the Olympic Games. Each page can be used alone as a quick and easy filler activity, or as part of a larger Olympic unit. The pages can be distributed to students as individual worksheets or as small-group work. The activities are especially useful in helping students develop the following:

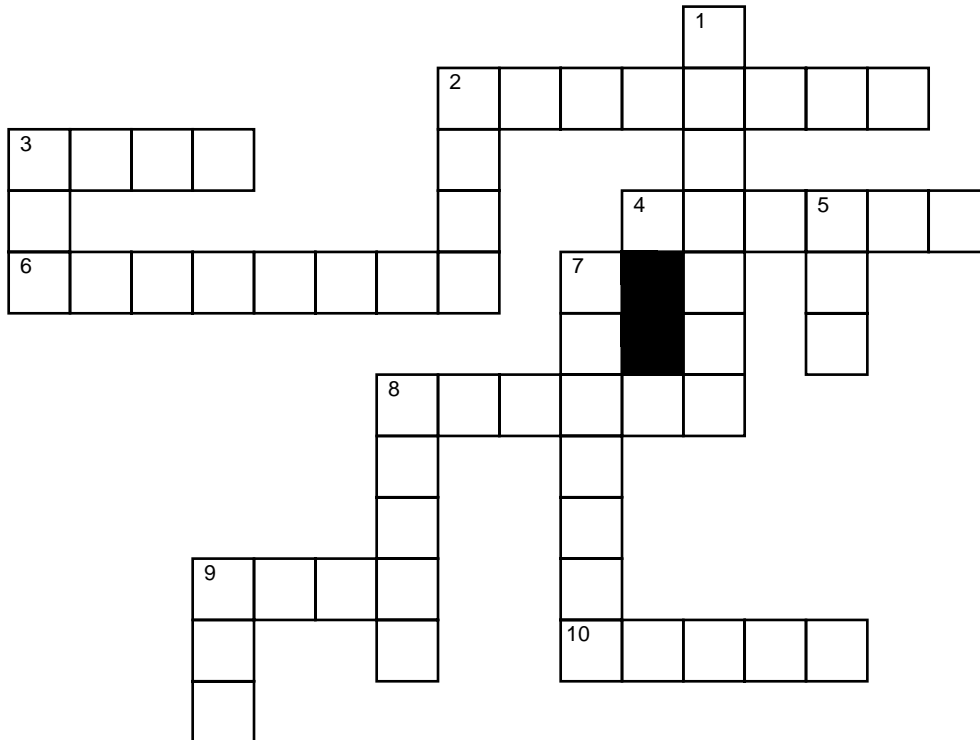
- logic and other critical thinking skills
- creative thinking skills
- research skills
- spelling skills
- general vocabulary skills
- general knowledge skills
- spatial skills

Several different topics have been provided and repeated throughout the book so that teachers may use a word search, crossword puzzle, and/or brain teaser to reinforce a particular Olympic subject. Depending on the ages and skill levels of your students, you may want to provide lists of crossword puzzle and brain teaser answers to simplify the solving process.



It Takes Two

Many Olympic sports require two athletes. See if you can identify the sports that go with the words from the puzzle below.

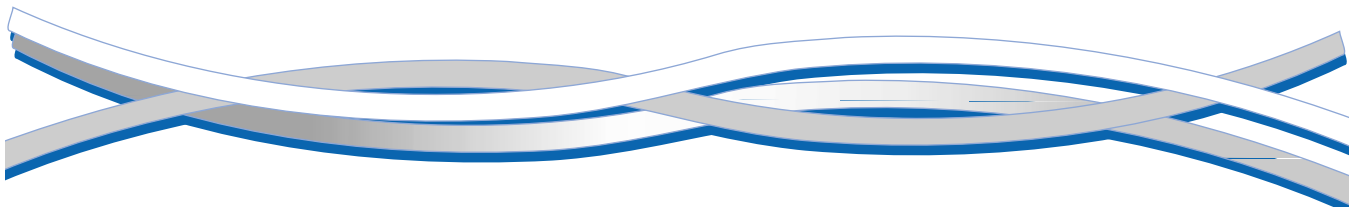


Across

2. what all athletes must do over and over
3. face gear worn to protect an athlete from a foil
4. sport requiring gloves
6. teamwork, or working _____
8. sport played in singles or doubles over a net
9. used in playing table tennis
10. worn to protect teeth and mouth

Down

1. made by swimmers
2. two
3. floor covering to protect wrestlers
5. in the rink or on the _____
7. sword fighting
8. type of tennis
9. respect shown to martial arts partner



Event Analogies

Complete the sentences by using the words in the word bank.

Word Bank

Athens

bat

pool

decathlon

sled

puck

medal

ski

lie

court

1. A ball is to baseball as a _____ is to hockey.
2. A field is to soccer as a _____ is to basketball.
3. Sit is to bobsled as _____ is to luge.
4. A skate is to a skater as a _____ is to a skier.
5. Pentathlon is to five as _____ is to ten.
6. A mat is to a gymnast as a _____ is to a swimmer.
7. A stick is to hockey as a _____ is to baseball.
8. A bicycle is to a cyclist as a _____ is to a bobsledder.
9. A crown of olive leaves is to ancient Olympic Games as a _____ is to the Modern Games.
10. The Valley of Olympia is to the ancient Olympic Games as _____ is to the Modern Games.

